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QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L 4249-IN/NOV 74
THIS IS IR NUMBER 6 856 0188 74
1. (U) LAOS
2. (U) MOUNG CAO-BORIKHAN DEMARCATION STAKE.
3. (U) NSTSW
4. (U) 22 NOV 74
5. (U) VIENTIANE LAOS 25 - 16 NOVEMBER 1974
6. (U) B - 2
7. (U) 6 856 0012 AND OTS
8. (U) 6 856 0188 74
9. (U) 26 NOV 74
10. (U) N/A
11. (U) DIRM: 1C1, 1C2A, 1C4, ICR U-UP1 - 3404,
IR 6 856 0186 74
12. (U) USDAO LAOS
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13. (U) JAMES D. QUINN, CAPT, AAIRA

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14. (U) ALBERT J. DEGROOTE, COL, USAF, ACTING DATT
15. (U) A. THE SIXTH DEMARCATION STAKE OF THE LAO CEASE-
FIRE HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE MOUNG CAO-BORIKHAN AREA. AT
1800L ON 21 NOV 74 JCCIA NEGOTIATORS IN MOUNG CAO
(UF 6653) AGREED THAT THE MARKER SHOULD BE PLACED AT UF
668575. THIS POSITION IS APPROXIMATELY HALF WAY BETWEEN
THE OPENING OFFERS OF BOTH SIDES. THE PL REPORTEDLY AGREED
THAT THE VTN SIDE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO SUPPORT THEIR ONE
COMPANY IN THE UF 7462 AREA. PASSAGE TO AND FROM THE
COMPANY WOULD BE AGREED TO AHEAD OF TIME BY LOCAL PL/VTN
SIDE REPS. IN ADDITION THE POPULATION OF THE AREA IS
SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF PASSAGE BETWEEN ZONES.
THIS HAS BEEN AGREED TO IN OTHER AREAS, HOWEVER IN PRAC-
TICE CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN DENIED THIS RIGHT. FOR THIS
REASON SOME OF THE LOCAL PROPLE ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE
AGREEMENT.
B. (C) AS REPORTED IN IR 6 856 0186 74 THE LOCAL PL
OFFICIAL MR. THONGTIEN, WAS VERY AGREEABLE WHILE PL COL
CHENG SAYAVONG TRIED TO HAVE THE MARKER AT UF 6652.
C. (U) ON 27 NOV A JOINT MOBILE TEAM WILL FLY FROM VTN TO SAVA-
NNAKHET. FROM THERE THEY WILL TRAVEL BY ROAD OR AIR TO
THAKHET (1724N 10449E). AFTER THAKHET THEY WILL ATTEMPT
TO AGREE ON A DEMARCATION STAKE IN THE KHOUA SONG HONG
AREA VE 5659.
D. (C) VTN SIDE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WERE ANXIOUS TO
DRIVE ALONG THE PL CONTROLLED PORTION OF HWY 13. THEY
POINTED OUT TO THE PL THAT THIS WOULD BE LESS EXPENSIVE
THAN FLYING TO SAVANNAKHET. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT
THEY HAD PERMITTED THE PL TO TRAVEL BY ROAD TO PAKADING
(1819N 10400E.) THE PL REPLIED THAT THEIR PORTION OF
HWY 13 WAS IN POOR CONDITION AND THEREFORE UNSAFE.
E. (U) THE LONG DELAYED MARKER IN THE BAN I TOU
AREA (XB1878)(KM-35 ON THE PAKSONG ROAD), MAY BE NEGO-
TIATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE VTN SIDE IS NOW PROPOSING
THAT THE MARKER GO AT BAN I TOU AS THE PL DESIRE. HOW---
EVER, THE VTN SIDE WANTS THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT THEIR TROOPS
AT KM-47 (ON THE PAKSE PAKSONG ROAD).
COMMENT: (C) VTN SIDE NEGOTIATORS SEEMED QUITE PLEASED
WITH THE SETTLEMENT AT MOUNG CAO. ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT COL CHENG AND MR THONGTIEN MAY HAVE BEEN PLAYING
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MR. HARD AND MR SOFT, FAR SOURCES BELIEVE THAT MR THONG-
TIEN DID ACTUALLY DISAGREE WITH COL CHENG.
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